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LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)
HORRIBLE MURDER IN PARIS.
Paris, February 5.—The neighbourhood of the Rue Rambuteau was thrown into a state of great excitement yesterday by the news that another atrocious murder had been committed in broad daylight, and that the murderer had escaped. Marguerite Fourcaut, aged 62, had lived for the past thirty-five years in the Rue Rambuteau with a man named Guichou, a cook. The couple occupied but one room, and had been in great want for some time, owing to their inability to find employment. Guichou went out as usual at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon to seek work, and on returning at 5 o'clock proceeded upstairs. At the top of the house he found the woman's dead body lying on the floor in a pool of blood. The cause of death was at once apparent, as the body was gashed in several places. Guichou immediately called for aid, and a doctor soon arrived, but he could only find that the old woman had died from seven wounds inflicted with a knife. The neighbours, on being questioned by the commissioners of police, declared that they had heard nothing. Although the chest of drawers which was in the room was found open, it is difficult to believe that robbery could have been the motive of the crime.

DEMONSTRATION BY BELGIAN SOCIALISTS.

Brussels, February 4.—A stormy meeting of Socialists was held to-night at the Salle St. Michel, to protest against the return of the Revision Bill, to the Central Section of the Chamber. The hall was crowded, and several inflammatory speeches were delivered, during which some persons in the building raised seditionaries. After the meeting a number of Socialists paraded the streets singing the "Marseillaise" and shouting "Revision Revolution!" A demonstration was also held in front of the Maison du Peuple, but was dispersed by the police without any disturbance.

INSUBORDINATION AMONG FRENCH STUDENTS.

Paris, February 5.—The directors of the Central School of Arts and Manufactures are to meet to-day for the purpose of adopting stringent measures against the students who were the ringleaders in yesterday's disturbances. It is rumoured that the Minister of Public Instruction has decided to close the school in the event of a further outbreak.

FINANCIAL SCANDAL IN PARIS.

Paris, February 5.—The rumoured financial scandal is the principal topic in this morning's papers. Several journalists state that a financier was arrested on a warrant in connection with a charge of having misappropriated to his own use the sum of 1,500,000 francs. It is added, however, that bail having been provided by two of his relatives, the financier was immediately released. The *Liberté*, referring to the report of illegal operations on the part of a Paris bank, declared that the establishment in question issued rents certificates to its clients at the time of the floating of the last 3 per cent. loan, but was subsequently unable to supply the scrip promised. The directors are reported to have been summoned before the police commissary to give explanations.

TREATMENT OF GERMAN SOLDIERS.

BERLIN, February 5.—Prince George of Saxony's circular to his officers regarding the ill-treatment of soldiers, formed the subject of discussion in the Budget committee of the Reichstag to-day, when the Conservatives and members of the Centre brought forward a resolution in favour of giving greater publicity to the proceedings of military tribunals, and the punishments inflicted by them, and of affording soldiers greater facilities for making their grievances known. After some discussion, the resolution was agreed to, but a motion introduced by the Freisinnung party for the complete reorganization of the military penal code was rejected.

UNITED STATES AND CHILI.

(CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAM.)
New York, February 5.—The *Herald's* Valparaiso correspondent telegraphs that Judge Foster yesterday passed sentence on Gomez, who took part in the recent disturbances. The prisoner was sentenced to 900 days' imprisonment, Abundado to 320 days, and Rodriguez to 140 days.

(FROM THE SECOND EDITION OF THE "TIMES.")
VALPARAISO, February 5.—The maintenance of the police guard at Mr. Egan's house at Santiago, with a view to prevent any attack at the instance of the rough element of the population, threatens to cause a re-opening of the difficulty with the United States.

(DAISLEY'S TELEGRAMS.)
THE EARTHQUAKE IN AMERICA.

New York, February 5.—A despatch from Omaha, Nebraska, states that an earthquake took place there at 10 o'clock on Wednesday night. Pictures fell from the walls of houses and crockery was shattered. A house of earth was dislodged, and one house crushed. The inmates, four in number, were buried in the debris, and one person was killed.

ANARCHISTS SENTENCED TO DEATH.

XERES, February 5.—Five Anarchists who took part in the recent disturbances have to-day been condemned to death, and the remaining three to imprisonment for life.

MADRID, February 5.—A telegram from Palencia announces that the workmen employed on the railway there have risen against the authorities. Order was restored with the aid of the gendarmerie, and several arrests were made.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)
THE POSTAL UNION.

BELGIUM, February 4.—The Reichstag to-day had under consideration the International Postal Convention, drawn up at the congress held in Vienna last year. Dr. Von Stephan, the Postmaster-general, amid general applause, announced the entry of Australia into the Postal Union, and said that there

was no doubt that Cape Colony would shortly also adhere to it. The minister further announced that the Vienna congress had proposed to establish a universal postal clearing house.

CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, February 5.—It is announced at the State Department that no formal arrangement has been made with Canada for a conference regarding improved commercial arrangements between the United States and the Dominion, but that if the Canadian Government sends a commission to Washington to open negotiations the matter will receive the consideration it deserves.

TERRIBLE HURRICANE IN MADRID.

MADRID, February 4.—A terrible hurricane raged here yesterday evening causing great damage. A large number of chimneys were blown down. Ten persons were seriously injured and many others were bruised.

SCENE AT THE COURT THEATRE.

At the Westminster Police Court on Friday, Mr. Frank Carew, 26, in the first instance described on the sheet as a bawler, but afterwards as a gentleman, of Ambrey Mansions, Shaftesbury Avenue, and also of Vine Cottage, Fulham, was charged before Mr. De Ruzen with threatening to murder Mr. Brandon Thomas, the lessee of the Court Theatre. There was a summons against the defendant, returnable in the ordinary course on Monday next, for an alleged assault on Mr. Thomas outside the Court Theatre on the 30th ult. Much interest was manifested in the proceedings, and a number of well-known actors were present. The defendant is the husband of a lady professionally known as Miss Edith Chester, who, until very recently, was in the cast of the Court Theatre.

Mr. Lickfold (Lewis and Lewis) appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Gill was counsel for the defendant.—Mr. Lickfold said that Mr. Carew had been to the theatre two or three nights this week, and threatened to do some personal injury to Mr. Thomas, who went in fear, and had at last to be escorted home by police. He was proceeding to make a statement when Mr. Gill, interrupting, said it was a miserable thing to make an elaborate statement for this reason—that his client offered to do all that the law would compel him, but if statements were to be made reflecting on his client then he should have to go into other matters perhaps. His advice to Mr. Carew was not to interfere with Mr. Thomas again, and not to go near the theatre. But he was not going to make any apology.—Mr. De Ruzen: An apology is certainly outside anything I have power to order.—Mr. Lickfold: We weren't asking it as a right. I understand it was to be tendered.—Mr. Gill said it would not be. If the case were to go on and the magistrate came to a conclusion adverse to his client, he could do no more than order him to find sureties. And why should more be asked?—Ultimately, Mr. Thomas gave his evidence briefly, and the defendant was ordered to find sureties to keep the peace, the summons for assault being withdrawn.

PAINFUL EFFECTS.

The delay was producing on Mrs. Osborne, said: My lord, I appear here for Mrs. Osborne, and suggest it might be possible to proceed even without the assistance of her Majesty's Treasury. I think it would be better for all parties concerned. The warrant might be proved and the information read over, and, of course, there might be a remand. I desire to say that Mrs. Osborne has surrendered entirely at her own free will, and I trust there will be no unnecessary delay.—The Lord Mayor: The Treasury is now being communicated with, and I have decided to wait until 11 o'clock. It is now ten minutes to 11. I would suggest that Mrs. Osborne should now leave the court and go to Committee-room No. 1, where no doubt there will be better ventilation and more comfort.—Mrs. Osborne, who appeared more broken down even than when the chief magistrate took his seat at 10.30, then endeavoured to rise but was unable to do so until assisted by Capt. Osborne and Insp. Taylor. They used to take an arm and led her slowly from the court, but she was so weak that she stumbled and nearly fell before reaching the door. The incident caused considerable excitement, many stood up in court, and had to be peremptorily ordered to be seated. Then there was another long interval, and the clock indicated long past 11, before the proceedings were resumed. At 11.30 Mr. Coward, one of the solicitors to the Treasury, arrived, and after conversation with Mr. Coward, took a seat near him.—Mr. Douglas then asked: Do you wish the defendant brought in?—The Lord Mayor: How far regard to the state of her health. I think not. (To Mr. Cuffe): I have already had her before me.—Mr. Cuffe: I am sorry to have delayed the court—very sorry—but there was a mistake. Permit me now to apply for the formal withdrawal of the warrant on the charge of attempting to obtain money by false pretences issued by the City police.—Mr. Coward: Do I understand that this warrant was issued at the instigation of the Treasury?—The Lord Mayor: Yes.—Mr. Coward: And I do understand that no evidence is offered.

The Lord Mayor: I understand no evidence is to be offered.—Mr. Coward: May I ask now what is the course to be taken by the Treasury?—The Lord Mayor: That has nothing to do with me. I am afraid I must limit it to the stage at which we have arrived. No evidence is offered, and therefore the case is dismissed. The result was received with applause from the public part of the court.

A CHARGE OF PERJURY.

Immediately after the termination of the proceedings, Insp. Swanson visited Mrs. Osborne in Committee-room No. 1, and, as had been arranged, arrested her on a charge of perjury. After a short interval all the parties proceeded to Bow-street. Mrs. Osborne, on her arrival, was taken to the police station and charged, and then conducted to the court, where the case was heard at 1 o'clock. There were only a few persons present in the space allotted to the public, the fact of her appearance not being generally known. Mrs. Osborne, supported by her husband and the head-gaoler, was led to the dock, where, by permission of Sir J. Bridge, the magistrate, she was allowed to occupy the plank seat between the iron railings. The gaoler remained standing at the entrance to the dock, and by his side stood Capt. Osborne, who held his wife's hand, and from time to time offered her a smelling bottle and attempted to revive her with water. She presented the same distressed appearance as at the Guildhall, sobbed convulsively, and remained the whole time with her head bowed.

STATEMENT FOR THE PROSECUTION.

—Mr. Cuffe said: I appear for the present in this charge against Mrs. Ethel Florence Osborne for perjury, on a warrant granted by you on information laid before

THE SURRENDER OF MRS. OSBORNE. PROCEEDINGS AT GUILDFORD AND BOW-STREET.

PAINFUL SCENE IN COURT.

CHARGE OF FRAUD DISMISSED.

Owing to the admirable arrangements made by Supt. Foster, there was no crushing at the Guildhall on Friday morning, when the charge against Mrs. Ethel Florence Osborne, who surrendered on Thursday night, came on for hearing. A large crowd awaited admission to the Old Council Chamber, which has for some time been used for the trial of City suits by judges of the High Court, but those connected with the case or having business at the court were first allotted seats, the remainder falling to those of the general public who happened to be the first to enter. Some time prior to the opening of the doors Mrs. Osborne had entered the court by a private way, and had taken a seat at the solicitors' table, with Capt. Osborne on her right, and Insp. Taylor, who on Thursday met the boat at Dover, on her left. The change in her appearance was startling, and many who saw her from day to day during the action for slander frankly confessed that recognition under any other circumstances would have been indeed a hard matter. She was dressed in deep black and wore a veil, which covered a face painfully thin and wan. Linking his arm in hers, Capt. Osborne continually tried to comfort his wife, who, burying her head in her hands, sobbed convulsively. From time to time she seemed to get calmer, but only to break out afresh in a paroxysm of grief. Mr. Lewis Coward, who appeared with Sir C. Russell and Mr. Mathews at the Law Courts, now represented Mrs. Osborne, instructed by Mr. St. John Wontner. On the bench were the Lady Mayorey, Sir R. Hancon, M.P., Sir G. Monckton, and Mr. Alderman Ritchie. When the Lord Mayor took his seat the chief clerk, Mr. Douglas, asked if any one represented the Treasury, and Chief-Inst. Swanson said that he had been indeed a hard matter. 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NO. XI.—AUTOCRSHIP—A BAD SHIP.

With the exception of an annual vacation of from eight to twelve weeks, I continued in the employ of that manager for four years. I think I may fairly claim to have acquired during that period a good general knowledge of theatrical work, before and behind the curtain, although, of course, a theatrical manager's education is never completed; he learns new lessons at every turn unless he is exceedingly stubborn and conceited, in which case he speedily fossilizes, and has no further place among the living, moving, ever-changing forms of life.

From time to time I met at various places people whom I had known in my salad days, among them being Mr. Gordon, whom I found at Ramsgate doing the buskin business on the sands in partnership with Professor Smytherson and two other men. Mr. Gordon's abilities were seen to the best advantage in this line of work; he had evidently found his proper sphere. Although he professed to think himself capable of much higher things, it is probable he would never see in the footlights unless fortune should throw in his way an inexperienced enthusiast ready to engage him for twenty weeks certain. The professor was, as usual, full of good spirits, in a double sense, and thoroughly persuaded that he was at length in a fair way to secure the necessary outfit to enable him to appear again on the boards of London music halls.

Panther Joe and his wife I met at Yarmouth, where they were doing fairly well with a show of their own, Joe having converted himself into a tattooed man. He told me that Mr. Lawkine had driven himself to death, that his widow then retired from show life, and took a tobacconist's shop in the Old Kent-road.

Of my swindling ex-partner, Heywood, I heard a good deal but saw nothing, much as I desired to meet the man.

My vacations were, for the most part, spent in London. I joined the Coventry Club, and at this place, during my last vacation, I was one day introduced to the Honourable Percy Fieldhouse.

This gentleman was an Oxford undergraduate, he had written a burlesque, and, conceiving an exaggerated notion of my power and influence, thought I would be able, for a consideration, to get it produced at the Gaiety.

Although flattered by this belief in my influence, I was compelled to admit that I did not possess any with that particular management, but Mr. Fieldhouse was evidently of opinion that this was only an evasion on my part, and that it was his business to get me interested in himself and his work, and invited me to his father's place at Kensington, where I made the acquaintance of his sister, a charming blonde just budding into womanhood; she was an enthusiast in things dramatic, so it is not surprising that I frequently visited the house.

Mr. Fieldhouse soon realised that the time was ripe for enthusiasm me with his burlesque. I had considerable difficulty in convincing him that it was impossible for an "unknown quantity" to have a play accepted and mounted for a run at a West-end theatre.

"I don't see that," he replied. "One hears everywhere that managers are always ready to take up a good thing."

"So they are; but you have first to show that you are offering them a good thing. Managers invariably determine the worth of a play by the pressure at the box-office."

"That's just the test I want them to apply to mine. You are not logical, Triscott."

"My dear Fieldhouse, do you expect me to be? I'm a manager."

Having paused for him to laugh at my little joke, aimed at myself and class, I continued:

"The manager's position is this. No good thing, viewed in the cold, dry light of the box-office, can come from an unknown author. Dramatic authorship is a business which must be acquired by years of practice, experience, and unremitting toil. If an untried man writes a conventional play it is worthless, because this style of thing can always be written to order by men who have won their spurs; if it is unconventional, it is hopeless, as the risk is too great."

"Then how is a fellow to get his start?"

"Some people will tell you to begin by writing one-act pieces; you may do so, but you'll find it difficult to get them accepted. Managers will tell you 'there's no money in one-act pieces,' they won't make a difference of shillings to the returns, unless—"

"Yes, unless what?" Mr. Fieldhouse leaned forward anxiously.

"Unless you write a piece suited to a particular company. If the manager likes it all may then be well, but if not the piece is useless, for you will find it almost impossible to sell it properly at any other theatre."

"Then there's only one thing for it, Triscott, old chap, I'll run my burlesque in the provinces at my own expense, under your management. I'll play a part, so will my sister Eva, and you can easily find decent people for the other parts."

The offer was an exceedingly tempting one. To tour with the charming Eva! But I felt that this matter must not be decided by any question of sentiment, but viewed from a calm, business standpoint. I must first be satisfied with the quality of the work. I had not heard it in its entirety. Although Mr. Fieldhouse had frequently offered to favour me with a reading, I always excused myself on the plea that I was a very poor judge of a play in manuscript. Now, however, that business was likely to result the piece must be heard, so I asked Mr. Fieldhouse to invite my friend, Mr. Davis, and some half dozen other members of the Coventry to private reading.

I had great faith in Mr. Davis' judgment, he was a well-read man, as I have previously stated, and possessed of considerable critical acumen.

The Honourable Percy Fieldhouse accordingly invited myself and friends to dine with him at Blanchard's. Having done ample justice to the good things of the table, we expressed our

sorrows to deal in a similar manner with the play.

"I must tell you I'm very outspoken, Mr. Fieldhouse," said a young and promising journalist. "I'll spot all your faults, of course, in a friendly kind of way."

"My dear old chappie there's nothing I like better," Mr. Fieldhouse protested, "it would be utter rot my inviting you here if I didn't expect you to criticise me."

With the understanding we sat down. The title of the burlesque was "Prometheus on the Rock."

"That's been done before," cried the young and promising journalist. "Bob Beece wrote a burlesque on the subject years ago."

"What of that?" Mr. Fieldhouse inquired in a piqued tone. "You see a fellow must take well-known subject for a burlesque, and if he deals with it in a new and original way it's all right. I've never seen or read Mr. Beece's piece."

"Then you must do so, old fellow, before you produce your burlesque," said the young and promising. "You'll get a wrinkle or two from old Bob Beece."

Mr. Fieldhouse then began to read, with the understanding that he should not be interrupted until the end of the act, except, of course, by laughter; we might laugh as much as we pleased. Soon the supposed listeners began to do, and long before the end of the act we reached everyone except Mr. Fieldhouse, Mr. Davis, and myself were fast asleep. Every now and then Mr. Davis would burst into violent fits of laughter, slap his knee or jerk his right hand as if about to stab himself to the heart with his cigar, or he would jump up from his seat, turn around quickly on his heel, ejaculating in various tones "Great Scott!"

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OUR OMNIBUS.
PIPER PAN.

The Crystal Palace Saturday Concerts will be resumed on the 13th instant. An announcement of the programme having been made, I have great pleasure in giving some particulars likely to interest my readers. Three additions will be made to the Crystal Palace repertory—Cherubini's overture in G (composed for the Philharmonic Society seventy-seven years ago), Schumann's D minor symphony, opus 120, and the intermezzo of Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana." Beethoven's pianoforte concerto, No. 3, will be played by Madame Roger-Miclos. Mr. Santley will sing, and the concert will terminate with the overture to "Der Freischütz."

This is an interesting programme, and I look forward with pleasure to the performance of Mascagni's beautiful intermezzo by the fine band of the Crystal Palace, which is vastly superior to that engaged for the opera season at the Shaftesbury Theatre, although the intermezzo was always encor-

Mascagni's "intermezzo" was played at a recent ballad concert by Lady Hallé as a solo with a pianoforte accompaniment. I have great respect for Lady Hallé, but must protest against this murder of an orchestral masterpiece.

The fifth of Mr. Henschel's excellent Symphony Concerts will be given at St. James's Hall next Thursday, February 11th, and will be chiefly devoted to selections from Wagner, whose death took place February 13th, 1883. At this concert Madame Nordics will make her first appearance in public since her return from America.

A charity concert, organised by Miss Macintyre, was given on Tuesday last at St. James's Hall, and not only Miss Macintyre, but Madame Fanny Moody, Miss Brema, and M. Iver McKay, Chas. Manners, Oudin, Jean Gerard (the wonderful boy violin-cellist), the Meister Glee Singers, and other excellent artists sang and played gratuitously. I know what are the professional fees of these artists, or most of them, and estimate the value of their services at more than £125. If those artists who shine as painters and sculptors were asked to make similar sacrifices they would probably faint away at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Henschel will give their second recital on Wednesday next, 3 p.m., at St. James's Hall. To those who have not yet attended any of these charming recitals, I recommend a visit to St. James's Hall next Wednesday, when they may rely on hearing admirable performances of interesting works, ancient and modern.

Madame Marie Rose, I am happy to learn, has completely recovered from influenza, and on Saturday last re-appeared at the Court Theatre, Liverpool, as Leonora, the heroine of "Il Trovatore." According to the local press she achieved a great success, both as vocalist and actress, and was not only applauded enthusiastically, but laden with floral tributes. The other parts appear to have been well represented by Madame Lablache, M.M. Dimitresco and Alec Marsh, and other members of the Carl Rosa Opera Company, who have been too long absent from London.

It gives me great pleasure to hear that there is a prospect of a musical festival at Dublin. Of course a local choir must be trained to sing well in tune, but I feel rather doubtful about the harmonies. Harmony has not been assiduously studied by our Irish friends.

"Miss Decima" is now being played successfully at Toodle's Theatre, with Madame Florence St. John in the title part. How well she sings it is needless to say. She acts well, but is too portly for the part of Miss Decima, who is supposed to be only sixteen and a half years old, and, so far as concerns personal fitness, was better represented by Miles, Nesville and Decima Moore. Mr. Frank Celli plays the lover's part capitally, and the other characters are well represented.

This picture is well worth keeping. The reports of shows, notes and articles are fully up to the mark. Let me wish long life and prosperity to *The British Fancier*.

Mr. W. Bedford states that a curious cod-fish was lately opened in Leadenhall Market. It had two roes, one soft or male, and the other hard, connected together by a thin pipe.

As Mr. A. H. Smith lately was watching a flock of seagulls flying over the Thames in London he was astonished to see a large hawk hovering over them, and making attempts to pounce on one. My correspondent has never seen or heard of a hawk in London, but these birds have been, and often are, seen flying across the metropolis, generally high up. When one thinks of the short time it would take one of them to come from the country this is not wonderful at all, for two species at least are quite plentiful in the immediate neighbourhood—viz., the sparrow hawk and the kestrel. The magnificent peregrine also may occasionally be seen crossing our skies, but, probably, on a voyage across the sea.

Mr. S. Hardy had eleven chicks hatched out of thirteen eggs in June or July, 1890. On February 7th, 1891, he sold three of the pullets to a friend of his, and during the remainder of the year these birds laid 501 eggs, or an average of 167 each. In May, their most prolific month, they laid seventy-four, and in October, their poorest, only six. Last month, up to the 23rd, they had laid twenty-four.

"H. S. W." takes me to task with reference to my silence of lark-eating. He says, inter alia: "There seems in your case to have been a struggle between the naturalist and the gourmand." Let me hasten to disabuse his mind of that notion. There never was the least struggle in the matter. The first time I ate a lark I did the deed without compunction, and I have never felt remorse for doing so since. People earn living by catching these birds for the market; there is much demand for them as delicacies, and they serve a very useful purpose as articles of food. Never having tasted robins, thrushes, etc., I cannot answer my correspondent's questions as to whether I think they would be fitting subjects for the menu.

"Yorkshire Tyke" experiences one of the many difficulties to be overcome by aquarium keepers. He caught in ponds and put into a small aquarium an assortment of aquatic beasts including water scorpions, water beetles, snails, fresh-water shrimps, and beetles, large and small. The scorpions at once ate the shrimps, worried some small sticklebacks, and bullied some of the larvae. The small beetles were devoured by the scorpions or by one another. At last nothing was left, but scorpions, snails, and the large beetles, and the last were attacked by the pugnacious creatures. It is very necessary to separate the innocent from the vicious creatures in an aquarium, and to do this successfully you must carefully watch them. In two of the large ferocious Tytanic beetles are kept together, the one will not unfrequently kill the other and eat its mate. "Pond Life, Insects" (Swan Sonnenburg) is a very good book on the subject and only crystals. I must refer "Yorkshire Tyke" to the correspondence column for his other questions.

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The Westbourne Pictorialists held their annual dinner at The Pelican, All Saints' Road, W., on Tuesday last, and with Mr. George Evans in the chair, everything went right merrily, and he was abundantly supported by Mr. A. Martin, Mr. H. Thompson, their excellent secretary, presented a capital report of fish taken, and some 435 was distributed in prizes for specimen fish, which alone are recognised by the society. The best fish taken during the season were as follows:—Trout, 4lb. 7oz. (Mr. Evans); barbel, 6lb. (Mr. Beale); dace, 12oz. (Mr. Thompson); jack, 10lb. 6oz. (Mr. Cuddon); perch, 1lb. 7oz. (Mr. Abbot); roach, 1lb. 11oz. and chub 4lb. 4oz. (Mr. Collier). I hope the society will long flourish.

I greatly regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Spreckley, wife of Mr. Thomas Spreckley, beloved of all Thames anglers, and I can assure our dear old friend that he has the hearty sympathy of all fishermen in his sad bereavement.

The Thame's Conservancy are about to revise their fishery by-laws, which are in the hands of counsel for the purpose, and they will welcome any suggestions from associations or clubs. There is plenty of time before us, and I hope now we shall secure such reasonable modifications as will tend to increase our stock of fish and make the river worthy of its character as the principal river of many of the anglers of London.

The Bermondsey Bathers notify their removal to more commodious quarters, the "Woodcock" Tavern, Bermondsey-street, S.E., where their meetings are now regularly held. A complimentary concert for Professor Chris. Green is to be given there on Tuesday next, at 8.30 p.m. The professor has not only long been ill health, but the best part of his property was recently carried off by burglars, and I am sure he deserves every possible support. I hope the concert will be successful and well attended.

Sir John Whittaker Ellis, will, it is hoped, preside at the opening of the Aquarium Pictorial Exhibition, which promises to display a collection of stuffed fish, as has never been brought together before. It will certainly be a grand show, and I trust all anglers will give it their hearty support.

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discouraging and in some actors may breed indifference and carelessness, but the true artist plays as well before a bad house as before a good, and he never willingly gives way to smiling or laughter that are not part of the "necessary business" of the play.

One man's misfortune is often another's opportunity. Mr. Corney Graine having been laid up with influenza, his place at St. George's Hall has had to be filled up for the nonce, and an engagement was offered to Miss Anthony, a young lady who gives an entertainment something after the manner and style of George Grossmith. I saw and heard her once at a benefit at the Vandeville, and was struck by her cleverness. She is that rather rare phenomenon, a lady humourist, a mistress of that delicate art which the French call "persiflage." I fancy she has had some stage experience, which of course is to her advantage.

I have been rather annoyed by the tone of some of the encomiums bestowed of late upon Mr. Elwood's acting at the Vaudeville—first in "Heed Gable," afterwards in "The Honourable Herbert," and now in "Saints and Sinners." The praise I refer to all implied that Mr. Elwood had suddenly become a good actor in certain line of parts. Nothing of that kind. Mr. Elwood, to my personal knowledge, has been acting well for years past, just as well as he does now. But he lacked the opportunity of showing what he could do with a prominent part. That is the secret of it, and it shows how long it often is before the desired opportunity comes to the competent artist.

OLD IZAAK.

The Thames continues in capital condition, and good takes are the order of the day. Since my last report some fair-sized jack have been taken, and it is clear there are still plenty of these fish in our grand old river. Mr. James Clapp, of the Brentford Pictorialists, piloted by Alfred Haines, at Latcham, has taken three, the largest 7lb.; and Mr. Price, fishing with John Keene, jun., at Staines, three more, one of which scaled 1lb. A tench of about 1lb. was taken at Kingston. John Hone reports several good takes of jack from the backwater at Walton. Roach and chub have been feeding freely, and nearly all the punt anglers have had good baskets. The bank anglers have done well, as is shown by the records of the clubs, and I am pleased to add that many of the fish taken were well above the sizeable standard.

Reports from the Leas are more encouraging, and as several matches are now about to come off, I hope next week to have something good to chronicle. A few anglers have visited the neighbourhood of Byleet, but so far have been poorly rewarded. At Pudborough and Amberley jack are on the move, several five to seven-pounders having been taken, and a few roach have also come to grief; but from neither place is there anything of special consequence to chronicle at present.

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The Westbourne Pictorialists held their annual dinner at The Pelican, All Saints' Road, W., on Tuesday last, and with Mr. George Evans in the chair, everything went right merrily, and he was abundantly supported by Mr. A. Martin, Mr. H. Thompson, their excellent secretary, presented a capital report of fish taken, and some 435 was distributed in prizes for specimen fish, which alone are recognised by the society. The best fish taken during the season were as follows:—Trout, 4lb. 7oz. (Mr. Evans); barbel, 6lb. (Mr. Beale); dace, 12oz. (Mr. Thompson); jack, 10lb. 6oz. (Mr. Cuddon); perch, 1lb. 7oz. (Mr. Abbot); roach, 1lb. 11oz. and chub 4lb. 4oz. (Mr. Collier). I hope the society will long flourish.

I greatly regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Spreckley, wife of Mr. Thomas Spreckley, beloved of all Thames anglers, and I can assure our dear old friend that he has the hearty sympathy of all fishermen in his sad bereavement.

The Thame's Conservancy are about to revise their fishery by-laws, which are in the hands of counsel for the purpose, and they will welcome any suggestions from associations or clubs. There is plenty of time before us, and I hope now we shall secure such reasonable modifications as will tend to increase our stock of fish and make the river worthy of its character as the principal river of many of the anglers of London.

The Bermondsey Bathers notify their removal to more commodious quarters, the "Woodcock" Tavern, Bermondsey-street, S.E., where their meetings are now regularly held. A complimentary concert for Professor Chris. Green is to be given there on Tuesday next, at 8.30 p.m. The professor has not only long been ill health, but the best part of his property was recently carried off by burglars, and I am sure he deserves every possible support. I hope the concert will be successful and well attended.

Sir John Whittaker Ellis, will, it is hoped, preside at the opening of the Aquarium Pictorial Exhibition, which promises to display a collection of stuffed fish, as has never been brought together before. It will certainly be a grand show, and I trust all anglers will give it their hearty support.

There is one point on which actors cannot be too seriously warned, and that is in regard to what may be called "larking" on the stage during a performance. Of course something may happen at the "wines" which may try the gravity of the most experienced actor, but to smile or giggle at things not included in the action of the piece is not to treat your public with disrespect, but to run the risk of being exposed before them.

A new weekly review for dog, poultry, and other animal keepers has just appeared. *The British Fancier* has made a good start. Its front page is adorned by a beautifully executed portrait in colours of "Marco, the Queen's favourite dog, a red pomeranian.

decided to communicate with Mr. Elbridge on the subject. A communication in reference to the revision of Thames by-laws was referred to the committee for consideration and report. A feeling reference to the loss sustained by the nation in the death of the Duke of Clarence was heartily endorsed by the meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks to "champion" John Kelly closed the proceedings.

GENERAL CHATTER.

That most deserving institution, the National Association for the Employment of Reserve Soldiers, &c., is, I am glad to see, receiving liberal support from influential quarters. The Queen continues her annual subscription; the Mercers' and Merchant Taylors' Companies give ten guineas each; the Skinners' Guild subscribes half that sum. Additional funds are still badly required, however; as the sphere of operations is enlarged, so does the expenditure increase, although every effort is made to work on the most economical lines.

There is a word I have been wanting to say for some time to soldiers and man-of-war sailors. It will always afford me the greatest pleasure to bring under public notice any real grievances of the sister services. "Real" I say because in both there are some chronic grumblers and "lawyers" who magnify molehills into mountains.

Far be it from me to afford the slightest encouragement to that sort of discontent, nor will I give the least heed to ex parte complaints, unsubstantiated by independent evidence against superior authorities. What I mainly wish to bring to light, with a view to redress, are defects of system and of administration, as in the case of Army stoppages. So now, my friends, you know where to turn for help when you find this or that condition of service undesirable. I shall be pleased, too, to give insertion either here or in our correspondence, to any communication, either of general interest to the services or of special interest to young fellows who are thinking of joining them.

"Bucket shop" moribund does not appear to be very high, if it be true, as denoted by an expert in court the other day, that the talented gentlemen who run these concerns lie systematically to their clients. There are, however, a few outside bankers whose words are as good as their bonds, doing business in a very large way, they have reputations to maintain, and it would not put them to damage their own character for the sake of trifling profits. The difficulty is to differentiate between the two classes; that can only be done by making close inquiry before selecting a broker.

West-end shopkeepers are beginning to pluck up heart a little, arguing that the period of social depression consequent upon the Duke of Clarence's death must be followed by a sharp re-action. That would only be in accordance with human nature; it revolts against the prolongation of misery and mournfulness. It would not surprise me at all, therefore, if the coming season is tolerably gay, after all. That will be the case, I go bail, if City men, especially speculators, have a real good time. Last year they did very badly, and as they are the best customers of West-end shopkeepers, the latter suffered a severe frost.

Is it true, I wonder, that some of the great co-operative stores are largely patronised for sanitary purposes? So rumour says, and adds, too, that this sort of "business" is one of their chief attractions. The mixture of sexes among customers at these gigantic establishments, and the spaciousness of the premises, would certainly aid Dan Cupid's operations. Of course, it is not meant that anything really wrong goes on; the scandal goes no farther than crediting stores with affording convenient opportunities for meeting to young folk whose parents or guardians object to their intimacy.

Even at the risk of being charged with magnifying my own office, I must testify to the splendid pluck and loyalty of the British journalist, including in that term all who take part in the production of newspapers. Not at the *People* office in particular, but at all places of the sort with whom I am personally acquainted, numbers of the toilers have suffered from the prevailing epidemic. Yet their papers have come out as regularly and as punctually as if influenza were an unknown disease. Only when absolutely prostrated would any give in; I myself have often seen lads hard at work who ought to have been in bed. And all this through simple devotion to duty; they could not endure the thought that some rival print might get a start if they knocked up. Unhappily, there have been some martyrs; the death-roll of last month includes no small number of journalistic workers.

A valued correspondent, after dwelling upon the superiority of "collapsible, square-headed brushes" for sweeping chimneys, strongly deprecates the habit of servants to overload fires with coal. The complaint is just; by feeding fires sparingly at short intervals, you ensure a thorough combustion of the coals than when you heap them up in the customary fashion. Greater heat is also afforded, while the amount of smoke is very much less. But what does this matter to the average domestic? Her governing idea is, naturally, that the best method is that which gives her the least trouble, and so she shoots on many black diamonds as the grate will hold. Don't be afraid, my friend, you and I would both be well off if we had a good fire.

Two remedies, each warranted as effectual, come from a correspondent in the Isle of Wight, who formerly was quite a martyr to chilblains. Here is the first recipe:—"Take a raw onion and a beetroot, place a table-spoonful of salt on a plate near the fire, dip the cut part of the onion into the salt, and the root into the chilblain; the irritation will at once cease, and if the treatment be persevered with for a few days there will be no return of the malady." There is a little pain, of course, but no sufferer will consider that too dear a price to pay for permanent relief. The second cure is simply to rub the affected part, after washing it, with damp salt, in front of the fire, and after five or ten minutes of this process the salt will fall off, carrying the irritation with it. But neither this nor the previous method should be attempted with broken chilblains.

A third correspondent writes from Lewisham that he experienced instant relief by steeping his hands in hot water to which some Condy's fluid had been added. Not only did the irritation cease, but it never returned, which was better still. This gentleman also forwards me a simple recipe for bad corns, an infirmity not unknown among cyclists. It is "lemon juice and pearl butter applied every night and morning." Pray do not ask me the proportions or how they are to be mixed; experiment with the prescription until you find out.

That Irishmen are splendidly endowed with courage, our fighting annals sufficiently demonstrate. It does not surprise me, therefore, to read of their indomitable pluck in continuing to cycle during winter when the roads are as heavy and sticky as ploughed fields. Where wonder comes in is at the da

JACK ALLROUND.

"Kindly inform me of a good razor paste to use on my buff razor strop. I had been told to treat it with oil, and I have tried several different things, but have had no success, and I want to get my razor into proper condition," writes "Shaver." "Can you help me to an emery powder paste for using with my razor strop?" asks "Ted S." "Many will tell the first," "Shaver" to use green of any sort, or he can try the paste I give to my second correspondent. For this you may prepare the emery powder for yourself and by so doing provide yourself with the finest emery; those who make a practice of doing it say they can buy nothing like what they make. Get some of the ordinary emery powder, and pound it thoroughly in a mortar, throw it into a large jug of water, and stir it well; as soon as the large particles have sunk, pour off the water containing the dust into large shallow plates or basins, and let the water evaporate, and you have the prepared emery left behind. If you do not care to go to that trouble, get the finest emery powder reduced to an impalpable dust, of this use two parts well mixed with one part of spermaceti oil and blanched almonds, or with fibril nuts and pistachios, or with any of these nuts alone in combination. First, you must prepare the cream for this. Boil, say, five pounds of the best loaf or crystal sugar with one pound and a quarter of glucose (if you cannot easily get the glucose you may substitute a large teaspoonful of cream of tartar, but the glucose is best) and two pints and a half of water. When it comes to the boil see that all the sugar is dissolved; if it is not take it off the fire and crush any lumps against the side of the pan with the wooden spoon, which is the proper tool to use. Give it a good stir and replace it on the fire, putting the cover over the pan for five or six minutes. Then remove the cover and put your sugar thermometer into the sugar and allow it to remain immersed until the quick-silver rises to 245°, and then immediately pour the boiling mass on to an iron pouring plate, or whatever you may use in place of that. At once with a long stiff pallet knife or a flat stick rub the syrup against the pouring plate until it changes from the clear transparent syrup into a snow white creamy substance. By this time it will have cooled considerably, and when it is creamed you may knead it with the hands. See that there are no lumps left and that the mass is of uniform softness. Now put the cream into a clean pan and melt it over a slow fire, and add a little vanilla flavour, then stir in the nuts, whether they be almonds, pistachios, or fibrils, or a mixture of these, remove from the fire and pour into tins which have been previously oiled, and mark into squares or oblongs that can be easily broken off. If you use almonds they must be blanched and well dried before you put them into the cream.

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"E. C." requests me to let her have a recipe for making "the best led fig pudding, not too expensive and one that will not be too rich for children." Take, say, one pound of the best figs, half a pound of beef suet, one pound of flour, one pound of crumb of bread, six ounces to a pound of sugar, according to taste, two or three eggs, and some milk. Very often the figs are doubled, that is, two portions of other ingredients. To make the pudding, having cut the little hard stalks off, cut the figs into small pieces, chop up the suet very fine, and grate the bread very finely. Mix these with the flour and sugar, well together; then add the eggs well beaten up, and enough milk to make the whole into a stiff paste. Butter a mould or basin, press the pudding into it very closely; lay a piece of buttered paper over it, tie it well down, and boil it for three hours. When turned out serve with either melted butter or wine sauce.

I am asked by "Mary" how to renovate some walnut wood chairs belonging to the drawing-room. The seats, which are cane, she says, are quite good, but "much of the polish has come off the wood, and makes it look very shabby. How can I restore it?" E. J. writes:

"I have a little walnut table; the polish has nearly all worn off the top. Could you tell me how to polish it again, and if I must get all the old polish off first, and how to do it?"

Chairs and tables in the condition my correspondents represent must have the old polish off to make a good job of it. A very simple way to do this is to have some pretty hot water in a basin in which a handful of washing soda has been dissolved. With this dab over the polish to be removed, using a piece of rag or sponge, and when quite dry work it further off by rubbing it with the drest glass-paper. It is sometimes best to use the glass-paper first, and when you have, so to speak, opened the pores of the polish with the glass-paper the warm strong soda water will get deeper; let it get quite dry before you again apply the glass-paper, and so repeat as long as it is necessary to remove the old polish or varnish, whichever it may be. You must not leave any trace of it behind. Once or twice of the joint processes will

often clean it completely. After the final application of the soda water you must wash out every trace of the soda with clear warm water or vinegar and water, and let it dry perfectly before you attempt repolishing. This can be done by the process of French polishing which I have often described, or by the quicker and simpler process of varnishing, which should be performed in a warm room without any draught. Get a bottle of walnut spirit varnish and a nice fine soft paint-brush, such as house painters use, or, better still, a varnishing brush. Work rather quickly, laying on a thin even coat of the spirit varnish and never going over parts a second time when the varnish is partially drying; this would give a smudged appearance; let it dry perfectly in the warm room for at least twenty-four hours if a very thin coat has been given. I prefer forty-eight hours or three full days and nights if possible, and then if needed give a second coat. I have some chairs varnished in this way that after many years look now better and brighter than some I have done by the more tedious method of French polishing.

In reply to "T. F. S." "Lulu," and "Trumpet-major," you can make nougat with pistachio nuts alone, or with pistachio nuts and blanched almonds, or with fibril nuts and pistachios, or with any of these nuts alone in combination. First, you must prepare the cream for this. Boil, say, five pounds of the best loaf or crystal sugar with one pound and a quarter of glucose (if you cannot easily get the glucose you may substitute a large teaspoonful of cream of tartar, but the glucose is best) and two pints and a half of water. When it comes to the boil see that all the sugar is dissolved; if it is not take it off the fire and crush any lumps against the side of the pan with the wooden spoon, which is the proper tool to use. Give it a good stir and replace it on the fire, putting the cover over the pan for five or six minutes. Then remove the cover and put your sugar thermometer into the sugar and allow it to remain immersed until the quick-silver rises to 245°, and then immediately pour the boiling mass on to an iron pouring plate, or whatever you may use in place of that. At once with a long stiff pallet knife or a flat stick rub the syrup against the pouring plate until it changes from the clear transparent syrup into a snow white creamy substance. By this time it will have cooled considerably, and when it is creamed you may knead it with the hands. See that there are no lumps left and that the mass is of uniform softness. Now put the cream into a clean pan and melt it over a slow fire, and add a little vanilla flavour, then stir in the nuts, whether they be almonds, pistachios, or fibrils, or a mixture of these, remove from the fire and pour into tins which have been previously oiled, and mark into squares or oblongs that can be easily broken off. If you use almonds they must be blanched and well dried before you put them into the cream.

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"MODERN HIGHWAYMEN." At Worship-street Police Court, Herbert Garrard, 22, who described himself as a boot-maker, was charged on remand, with a young man giving the name of Sidney Clarke, who said he was a ticket-writer, brought up for the first time with being concerned together and with others in assaulting Simon Davis, and robbing him of a gold lever watch and gold chain, value £18.—The defendant is a furniture manufacturer, of Bethnal Green-road, and on the afternoon of the 18th ult. was passing along Church-street when his watch was snatched away, and he at the same moment received a thrust in the face from a man's hand, throwing him backwards. His assailants ran away, and he attempted to pursue. Immediately he did so, two other men ran against him, and he was again thrown down. He received a severe shaking and some injury, so that he was unable to attend the court for a time.—Mr. Witherington, timber merchant, of Church-street, gave a description of the proceedings of a gang of four men who perpetrated the robbery, and of the four men he identified the prisoner as two. Their faces, he said, were familiar to him from their committing numerous robberies about the spot in question. Garrad had seen a steel parcel from a trap not long ago. Clarke's face he knew, and on seeing him with the gang on the day in question remarked that he was out again. He watched the gang and saw the four men divide. Two placed themselves on the opposite side of the way, and the prisoner Garrad and another man placed themselves so that the prosecutor had to walk between them. As he did so the man not in custody snatched the prosecutor's watch and chain, and Garrad put his open hand to the prosecutor's face and gave him a violent thrust backwards, the prosecutor falling. When he regained his feet he ran after the thief, who had crossed the road, and Clarke and the other man then ran towards him and threw him to the ground. The men then escaped together. The witness said that he watched the men for some time before the robbery, satisfied that something was intended.—He was cross-examined by Mr. Morris for Garrad, but nothing in favour of the prisoner was elicited.—P. C. Imhoff, 211 H, said that he arrested the prisoner Garrad on the 24th ult., and told him the charge. He said, "Dickie Cash had the things, and sold the lot for £14 10s. Subsequently he accused a man he called Gibson, and said the watch and chain fetched £7 10s. Clarke, when arrested by P. C. York, 22 H, said, "It was not our gang had it, but the Norfolk Garden lot."—The prisoners now denied the statements, but there was ample corroboration of the fact.—Mr. Rose committed the prisoners for trial, and they left the dock kissing their hands and shouting good-bye to some girls at the back of the court.

BOXERS FINED.

At Glasgow Central Police Court, John Boyle and George Ballantyne were charged before Stipendiary Gemmel with having committed an assault on each other by taking part in a boxing contest at Glasgow Queen'sberry Rooms, on January 15th. Evidence was given to the effect that after twelve rounds had been contested Boyle was in such a condition that the police stopped the affair. The magistrate fined both men £10, or sixty days' imprisonment, and said he thought it time such disreputable exhibitions were put a stop to.

The first East African paper has been published at Zanzibar. Its title is the *Gazette*.

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LAST WEEK'S
LAW AND POLICE.

Divorce Division.

THE PLYMOUTH LADY AND THE DOCTOR.
TUCKETT V. TUCKETT, REES, JOE, JUN., AND LARDNER.—This was the husband's petition, a confessor at Plymouth. Evidence on the last occasion was given to prove the allegations against Rees, who was a medical practitioner in Plymouth, and Lardner, who was engaged in the printing offices of the *Western Mercury*, published in that town.—Mr. Frederick Skardon, the solicitor for the petitioner, now said he went to the *Mercury* office, and saw Lardner on the 29th June, 1891. He said to him, "I hear you were knocking about with a woman on Whit Monday." He (Lardner) replied, "Yes, that's right." He further said he had been with the woman to the Morley Arms. She called herself "Mrs. S." that she had paid for drinks for him, and then she invited him to have a walk. He went with her to Penrose-lane, where misconduct took place. He had not given the woman any money, as he had not sufficient to pay for the drinks they had at the Morley. Witness asked him whether he could identify the woman, and he said he could. The witness then showed Lardner a photo of the respondent, and he said, "That's the woman." Prior to seeing Lardner he served the citation on Mrs. Tuckett, when she said she did not know Dr. Rees, but that she would go to the address he had given her and see the gentleman.—In cross-examination, the witness said he had not promised to reward the witnesses who had been called to prove the allegations made by the petitioner. He had, however, given the detective who was engaged in the case £20. It was after he had had an interview with Lardner that he was made a co-respondent.—Jonathan Marshall, a pensioner of the Royal Marines, gave evidence to the effect that a man named Polbank had several interviews with him, and had endeavoured to induce him to watch the respondent, with a view to getting on friendly terms with her, when Polbank, who would be in the company of a detective, would surprise them. Polbank offered him as much as £50 for his services. Witness declined to have anything to do with the matter.—In cross-examination, this witness admitted that he had been fined £5 for keeping a house of ill-fame at Plymouth. The interviews with Polbank extended down to July, 1890.—The co-respondent Rees was next examined by Mr. Bayford, Q.C. He said he was a member of the College of Surgeons, and practised at Plymouth. His house adjoined that of Mr. Steers, who had two daughters living with him. Witness had a coachman living with him and his housekeeper, a Mrs. Barnes, who had a married sister named Mrs. Rose. Her husband was a fireman on the railway. For a few months after her marriage he allowed her to sleep in his house. This she did frequently during the months of January, February, and March, 1891. Mrs. Rose was also frequently in the habit of visiting her sister. Until the 14th of April, when Mrs. Tuckett went to his house with reference to the citation, he, to his knowledge, had never seen her. He had never been in her company with anybody else, and she had never been in his house. In the early part of January he heard that a watch was being put upon him, and in consequence of that he gave his housekeeper certain instructions. When Mrs. Tuckett went to his house he saw her in the presence of his housekeeper. There was a person who had been for several years in the habit of going to his house. He had met her on the Promenade Pier at Plymouth, and had also been in her company with a friend of hers. He had walked home with her and her friend to his house, and he had let her out of his house by the stable door and also the front door. He did remember on one occasion a boy following him. He did not threaten him with a pair of skates. He did, however, threaten to put his stick across his legs if he did not go. It was utterly untrue that he had ever been seen walking with his arm round Mrs. Tuckett's waist or that of any other woman.—In cross-examination, the witness said that on the occasion on which he threatened the boy he was walking with two ladies—the two he had previously referred to. His friendship with one had extended over a number of years. His housekeeper knew of the visits, but did not know the nature of them. He remembered Sunday, the 11th of January, 1891. He could not say whether he let two ladies out of the stable door on that day. The lady who came to see him had not a latchkey. There was a dispensary attached to the house. Her visits were perfectly well known to the housekeeper, who did not suspect the relations existing between them. He never let Mrs. Tuckett or his sister out by way of the stable door.—To Mr. Justice Jeune: Two lady friends might have visited him on the afternoon in question, and he might have let them in by the stable door.—Answering further questions, he said there would be no special reason for letting them out that way—except they had been down to see his terraces. Had been to the Prince of Wales' Tavern recently, but never before the suit began.—Re-examined: He was taken to the Prince of Wales' Inn to see if he could be identified.—Mrs. Barnes, housekeeper to Dr. Rees, said she had never seen Mrs. Tuckett to her knowledge until the 14th April last, when she came to the house. Two ladies used to come to the house, but they were not Mrs. Tuckett or her sister, Mrs. Stark. Both of them had come in and gone out by way of the stable and out of the house by the stable door.—Mr. Lardner, the third-named co-respondent.

He said that he was 20 years of age, and was a composer. He gave an emphatic denial to the charge. It was not true that last Whit Monday he misconducted himself with Mrs. Tuckett, while he further denied having told the petitioner's solicitor that this had occurred.—At the close of the case, no evidence being offered against Job (the younger), he was dismissed from the suit.—His lordship, in the result, held that the petitioner had failed to establish his case, and the petition was dismissed with costs.

Queen's Bench Division.
(Before Justices Hawkins, Wills, Charles, Lawrence, and Wright.)

CONVICTION CONFIRMED.

QUEEN V. CHAPPLIE AND BOLINGBROKE.—The defendants, Frederick Chapple, a tobacconist, who had carried on business in Pall Mall, and Cockspur-street, and Charles Bolingbroke, his brother-in-law and the manager of his business, were tried before the late Recorder, Sir T. Chambers, at the Central Criminal Court, for charges under the Debtors' Act. The substance of the charge against them was that within four months of the presentation of a bankruptcy petition by Chapple he transferred the Cockspur-street business to Bolingbroke with the intention of defrauding his creditors. The prosecutors were the Alexandra Cigarette Company and Mr. Spiro Damberger, and the trial defendants were found guilty upon an indictment containing a number of counts. It was objected, however, that certain counts of the indictment were bad, and that evidence in regard to them had been admitted. Under these circumstances the point was reserved, the defendants being admitted to bail.—Mr.

Avory appeared for the defendants; and Mr. Stephenson for the prosecution.—The court affirmed the conviction.

(Before Mr. Justice GRANTHAM and a common jury.)

ACTION FOR EJECTMENT.

SOMERMAN V. COLLIER.—The plaintiff, it was said, was a German Jew tailor, who formerly carried on his business in Cable-street, Wellclose-square. He claimed damages upon the ground that in March last he was ejected from these premises. The case for the defendant was that the plaintiff's tenancy had come to an end and that he had removed from the place before the defendant took possession. There was also a counter claim for £15 10s. as amount due for rent.—The jury, without hearing the case to its end, said that they had made up their mind, and there was a verdict and judgment for the defendant upon the claim and counter claim.

Lord Mayor's Court.

NON-REGISTERED BENEFIT SOCIETIES.—Among the applicants to the magistrate was a poor woman who complained of the non-payment of some money due to her husband from a society. He had subscribed to the society, and now that her husband was ill he wanted the money but could not obtain it. She thought the society out to be shown up.—Mr. Curtis Bennett looked at the rules, and observed that the society was not registered.—Applicant: Yes, sir.—Mr. Curtis Bennett: Why do you people join societies in public-houses?—Applicant: This is held at a mission.—Mr. Curtis Bennett: Why do you go into something like the Post Office Savings Bank, where you could get your money when you wanted it, instead of trusting to all sorts of people who make all kinds of rules and conditions to prevent you getting your money out again?—The magistrate (continuing) told the applicant that her remedy was in the county court, and suggested that she should write to the secretary of the society and tell him that unless he paid the money due, she would sue him for it.

HER MOTHER WAS FOND OF WHISKY.—Sarah Lloyd, described as a servant, was charged with obtaining provisions by false representations.—In the first case it appeared that the prisoner, who had been in the service of a lady in Trebovin-road, obtained two half-pounds of butter on different occasions at the shop of Mr. Cuthbert, of Earl's Court-road, stating that she had been sent by her mistress. She repeated the visit on Friday and was then detained.—Frederick Spink, butcher, of Prince's Buildings, said he first saw the prisoner on the 1st of the present month, and he served her with a leg of mutton, stating that it was for her mistress. On the 6th inst. she had a mutton chop, and on the 8th inst. a leg of mutton and some gravy beef. On the 13th another leg of mutton and some more gravy beef.—Det.-supt. Scott: He was 23 years of age, and had been in business four years.—How can you explain this, that in your circular you state that you have been established in business a quarter of a century, which was really before you were born?—Oh, that is a usual thing for "butts" brokers to do. (Laughter.)—Ultimately the jury stopped the case, and found a verdict for the plaintiff for the full amount claimed.

London County Sessions.
(Clerkenwell.)

(Before Sir P. H. Edlin, Q.C.)

HOW SAUSAGES ARE MADE.—Richard Bentley, a pork butcher, of 26, Chapel-street, Clerkenwell, appealed against a sentence of Mr. Horace Smith, at Clerkenwell Police Court, of a fine of £20, or in default two calendar months' hard labour, for unlawfully using in his possession 150 pieces of meat, unfit for the food of man, and which was sold, excepted there for the purpose of sale. Mr. Dodkin appeared on behalf of the vestry of Clerkenwell in support of the conviction; and Mr. Geoghegan for the appellant.—Inst. Buttrill, the employee of the vestry, found the pieces of meat in question, some piled under a dresser or which meat was chopped up for sausages. Mr. Griffiths said he saw the meat in the vestry hall on the 12th of October, and that it was in a very advanced state of decomposition.—Mr. Geoghegan said he would not question the circumstance of the meat having been found on the premises, but it was kept there for the purpose of being handed over to the men, who called for refuse every Wednesday. He called two witnesses to prove the pieces of meat were left over from Saturday and Sunday, and were put out to water to prevent any unpleasant smell. Sausages were always made before 11 in the morning, and the inspector did not call to see the meat until the work was done. Both witnesses stated they told the inspector the meat was going to be sent to the bone man.—Samuel Howers, fat and bone contractor, gave confirmatory evidence. Witnesses to character were also called.—The bench affirmed the conviction, with costs.

THE LATE WHARY STRIKE.—John Pritchard appealed against a sentence of two months' imprisonment, with hard labour, for having assaulted one Alfred Wood.—Mr. McMurrin for the respondent; Mr. Avery for the actual prosecutors (Tingle, Jacobs and Co.), and Mr. Geoghegan for the appellant.—One man, named French, a carman, leaving the service of Tingle and Co., who were engaged as contractors at the Hermitage and Carron Wharves, his place was taken by Alfred Wood. On the 30th October, French threatened him, and the next evening he and Pritchard again met him in the Leigh-Hay public-house. French, who has undergone a sentence of three months for assault, struck him, and when outside the house Pritchard "knocked him down so hard that he did not know night from morning." First he had a blow in front, and then one from behind, and after that he did not know his feet from his head. He tried to run away, but Pritchard followed him and again commenced paying him with his hands.—Mr. Avery: Strike pay, my lord.—He went to the London Hospital, where he had his ribs bandaged, and was kept on the books as an out-patient for four days.—Mr. Geoghegan called witnesses to character, and asked the court to reduce the sentence to one of a fine.—The bench affirmed the decision of the magistrate, with costs.

Bow-street.

SUPPOSED PICKPOCKETS.—William Power, 23, and James Wilson, 27, were charged with attempting to pick pockets.—P.C. 433 D said that shortly after 7 on the previous evening a crowd was gathered outside 42, Hart-street to look at a display of newly-published photographs of the Prince of May. He and the prisoners came up and placed themselves on the outskirts of the crowd. Power attempted to pick the pockets of two ladies by placing his hand in their pockets.—He then put his hand in a poor woman's pocket, when a lady came out of the crowd and said that she was doing an act of justice by pointing out the prisoners to the witness. They were arrested by the witness and 420 D and taken to the station. The lady came there and made a statement, but declined to appear in court.—The prisoners were remanded.

A TRICKSTER IN THE STRAND.—William Dawson, 65, was charged as a suspected person, and with attempting to obtain 10s. by a trick from Edward Brian.—The prosecutor, shortly before 9 o'clock on Friday evening, was going down the Strand, when he met the prisoner, who suddenly stopped and pretended to pick up a ring. He turned to Brian and said, "This is a diamond ring; it is a nice find. What do you think of it?" He invited

Brian to cross over the road, walked up to a window, and made a scratch on the glass, remarking, "This is genuine; what will you give me for it?" Brian, however, had a previous knowledge of the man, as in November last he had acted towards him in a similar manner, and had obtained 9s. from him. On the present occasion he offered him 2s. in order to get him into conversation. The prisoner said he would take 10s., and they walked on together till they met a constable, when he was given into custody. He shamed drunkenness, and threw the ring away. Brian had on the previous occasion referred to given 9s. for a ring which had turned out to be brass.—P.C. 218 E stated that the prisoner gave an address which, on inquiry, it was found that he had left some weeks before.—Mr. Vaughan ordered the ring to be submitted to an expert for valuation, and remanded the prisoner for valuation, and remanded the prisoner.

West London.

Offering cigar lights for sale.—Rockingham, 44 AR, said he took the woman in charge at the suggestion of the last witness. She had 4d. and a number of pawn tickets in her purse. Witness had ascertained that the family lived in a furnished room, for which they had to pay 10s. a week. The neighbours gave the defendant a well-merited character, but did not speak so well of her husband, who seemed much distressed, said her husband had been three weeks out of work, and they were at last obliged to go and offer lights in the streets to get food. She asked the street to look at her pawn tickets, and he would have had, part with everything. The tickets all related to small articles of clothing and bedding. The pawn had been going on continuously from last autumn till a few days ago.—The magistrate said he would accept the prisoner's recognisance to appear in a week.

Marylebone.

MR. SHAW LEFÈVRE'S BOOTS AND TRAPS.—An alleged ex-convict giving the name of William Lawrence, aged 37, described as a porter, was charged with stealing a pair of boots and boot-trees, worth £2 10s. belonging to Mr. Shaw Lefèvre, M.P., of 18, Bryanston-square; also with stealing £10s., the property of his master.—Capt. Taylor deposed that prisoner had been in his employ as butler for seven months. In August last he found the prisoner wearing one of his shirts, but forgave him. On Thursday one of his shirts, but forgave him. On Thursday one day witness gave him notice to leave for falsification of his accounts. The next day his suspicions were aroused in consequence of receiving information that the prisoner had sent a box away by rail to Essex. He communicated with Scotland Yard, and, in company with a detective and the prisoner, searched the private drawers in the pantry which were used by the prisoner. He found a shirt, pair of slippers, three cigars, twenty boxes of matches, several reams of writing paper with his private stamp, and a salver bottle containing some green charcoal; also two handkerchiefs and a necktie, the property of a gentleman visiting the house.

Det.-supt. Boswell, W Division, deposed to taking the prisoner into custody. He corroborated the evidence of the last witness as to searching the drawers.—Mr. Arthur Cox, of 10, Denbigh-place, Warwick-square, Pimlico, a guest of Capt. Taylor, identified two handkerchiefs and a necktie which had been found in prisoner's possession, as his property.—The prisoner was remanded, bail being fixed at £100.

Clerkenwell.

THE CITY-ROAD BURGLARS.—Charles Darlow, 30, a barber, of Warren-street, Liverpool, was charged for failing to make his monthly report to the chief officer of the police at Caledonian-road Station, he being a person subject to police supervision under the Prevention of Crimes Act.—Det.-supt. Targett said he was present at the Middlesex Sessions on the 21st of June, 1886, when the prisoner was sentenced to five years' penal servitude for house-breaking. Prisoner would have ceased to be under the supervision of the police on the 15th of June last, and on that day he failed to report himself.—Det.-insp. Leach stated that the prisoner had been identified as being concerned with a number of men who had been recently convicted at the Central Criminal Court for a series of burglaries. He asked that Darlow might be remanded in order that the facts should be laid before the public prosecutor. The accused was accordingly remanded for a week.

Lambeth.

THE CHRISTIAN YOUNG MAN.—Walter Harrison, a young man giving his address as Pagoda Lodge, Norwood-road, was summoned before Mr. Birrell, Q.C., to show cause why he should not contribute towards the support of the illegitimate child of Alice Canfield, of which she alleged he was the father.

The complainant, a domestic servant, said she first knew the defendant about the third week of January, 1889, and he then proposed marriage. The result of their intimacy was the birth of the child in question, on the 27th December last. She was in service when she first became acquainted with the defendant, through an advertisement in a newspaper, which stated that a "Christian young man wanted a wife."—The defendant afterwards came to her father and said he would like to be engaged to her and that he wanted her for his wife.—In answer to her father, the defendant said he was not engaged, but would like to be. She was introduced to him and they became engaged.—The complainant's mother said the defendant represented himself as Christian young man, and used regularly to go to church with her mother, who was fond of whisky, and she tried to get some for her. She was searched, and money to the extent of £1 and upwards was found upon her.—Mr. Birrell committed the prisoner for trial.

North London.

A QUEER STORY.—Henry Hill, 22, carman, of Church-passage, Cross-street, Islington, was charged with assaulting Wm. J. Roberts, decorator, of Boleyn-road, Kingsland.—The prosecutor, whose right eye was cut and blackened, said that on Friday night he was in the Midland-road, when he heard the screams of a woman coming from a van which was proceeding up the road. Witness got on to the step of the van and looked in. He saw a woman on the bottom of the van and the prisoner near her. Witness asked him what he was about; and the prisoner replied by telling him to get down. Witness said he would call a policeman, and went away to do so, when the prisoner followed him and struck him with his fist from behind. The constable then came and took the prisoner.—The prisoner now said the prosecutor and he had a fight, and when the prosecutor got the worst of it he went for a policeman.—There was no other evidence, and Mr. Fenwick fined the prisoner 20s., or fourteen days.

Marlborough-street.

CRUELTY TO A PONY.—John Warren, a youth, from Dog-lane, Willesden, was charged with cruelly working a pony, drawing a light spring cart, in Piccadilly.—At a quarter past 8 in the morning the prisoner was stopped by an officer of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, when he found that the pony was suffering from disease, was very lame, and was generally in a poor condition.—Mr. Anderson, veterinary surgeon, stated that the pony had sprained tendons, diseased knee-joints, and there were two sores, one under the saddle and the other on its withers. It was not fit for work, and ought to be destroyed.—The prisoner said that his father was dead, and as he was the eldest of the family he had to do the best he could for his mother and her children. He was very sorry to have worked the pony under such conditions.—Mr. Newton adjourned the case to give time for the animal to be destroyed.

A "COUNT" SENT TO PRISON.—Robert Puisaye, 28, of no occupation, was charged with stealing a diamond brooch, valued at £18, from the shop of Mr. Maurice Moses, a jeweller, of Oxford-street.—The brooch was missed from the shop immediately after the prisoner had been there, with the object, as he said, of selecting articles of jewellery. Mr. Moses gave information to the police of his loss, and he set out to make the rounds of the jewellers and pawnbrokers' shops in the West-end. After having called at several places without success, he pushed open the door of a pawnbroker's in Cranbourne-street, and, to his astonishment, found himself in the presence of the prisoner. Puisaye seemed to recognise Mr. Moses at once, and ran off into the Charing-Cross-road. Mr. Moses followed, crying "Stop thief!" and after a short chase Puisaye was captured and lodged in the Vine-street Police Station. On the way there he threw away an envelope, which, on being picked up, was found to contain a contract note for a brooch pawned at Attenborough's, Oxford-street, for £12. On going there Mr. Moses found that the note referred to the identical brooch he had lost.—An earring as well as the brooch were produced in court by the pawnbroker's assistant.—Mr. Moses handed in a piece of paper, bearing the words "Count of Puisaye, Hotel Metropole, Brighton," which the prisoner had given as a description of himself.—Mr. Newton had no doubt that the prisoner was a thief, and he ordered him to be imprisoned with hard labour, for six months.

Westminster.

THE PAWNTICKETS TOLD A TALE.—A neatly-dressed, well-spoken woman, named Louisa Devitt, 33, wife of a painter, living in Bull's Head-court, Westminster, was charged with benging and wilfully exposing an infant of three months, which she carried in her arms, so that the child was occasioned unnecessary suffering and injury to health.—William James Hiscox, an officer of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, said that on Friday evening he saw a prisoner in Victoria Street pretending to sell matches. She had the baby in her arms, and though it was fairly well wrapped up he noticed that its hands were cold and that it was crying.—A girl of 13 and a man, respectively the daughter and husband of the accused were in the same locality, also

were caused at the time.—Mr. Dickinson remanded both prisoners.

Southwark.

SWARMS TO THE SWISS.—William Thomas, alias Dench, Charles Court, 20, alias Smith, and Charles Newman, 20, were charged with being concerned together in burglariously breaking and entering a confectioner's shop in the Blackfriars-road and stealing a quantity of sweetmeats.—Early on Friday morning the prisoners were seen by P.C. 9 M loitering about in a very suspicious manner. After keeping them under observation for nearly an hour he suddenly missed them, but saw them again later on. He then arrested Thomas, the other two making off. When searched at the station a quantity of sweetmeats were found on him, which were identified as having been stolen. From a description furnished, Det. Gentle arrested the other two prisoners, who admitted that they were with Thomas.—Mr. Slade remanded the accused for a week.

Croydon.

CHARGE OF ROBBERY AS A MAGISTRATE.—Rowland Ford, butler, in the employ of Capt. Taylor, of Carshalton Park, Surrey, was charged with stealing a shirt, pair of slippers, three cigars, and twenty boxes of matches.

Value £10s., the property of his master.—Capt. Taylor deposed that prisoner had been in his employ as butler for seven months. In August last he found the prisoner wearing one of his shirts, but forgave him.

On the 28th ult. he was charged with being concerned in the breaking and entering of a wash-house. Shortly afterwards his niece found him lying on the ground with his throat cut. A cup was standing by him which smelt strongly of turpentine, and the deceased had evidently taken a dose of the liquid before cutting his throat. Two doctors were at once summoned and they ordered his removal to the German Hospital where he died.

SUICIDE AT STOKE NEWINGTON.—Edward Smith, 61, a grocer, of Winston Road, Stoke Newington, on the 28th ult. took two bottles off a shelf, one of which contained turpentine, and went out to the wash-house. Shortly afterwards his niece found him lying on the ground with his throat cut. A cup was standing by him which smelt strongly of turpentine, and the deceased had evidently taken a dose of the liquid before cutting his throat. Two doctors were at once summoned and they ordered his removal to the German Hospital where he died.

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Going Them "One Better."

It was left, however, for an American candy firm in London to make mourning as ridiculous as sundry old ladies made it during the recent trouble by tying black ribbons round their pug dogs and tabby cats. Our American sweet dealer tied up his chocolate creams with black and generally put all his candies into mourning. Perhaps he was inspired by a certain Transatlantic trade paper that is devoted to the art funeral. It is illustrated in the most complete way with every kind of casket (the word "coffin" has long since been abolished on the other side), and all kinds of mechanical appliance that belong to the business. Here and there the columns of the cheerful little paper are enlivened with churchyard jokes and mortuary wit. But "this style, 43 Cs." beats America. Let our cousins hide their diminished heads; we have "gone them one better" in the way of perambulating advertising.

Black and White.

By the way, America is not going to crush China. The din of warlike preparation is at an end. A young American journalist who has just published a book on the black and white question of the States, assures me that Washington will soon have its hands quite full with the race troubles of the south. The negro is increasing in numbers and intelligence, in force, in temper, and in ambition. "Something has got to be done," or there will be one of the most sanguinary wars of races that has ever been known. The north will not have the negro in the best parts of its theatres, its churches, its assembly-rooms, or its railway cars, though it is punishable with a fine of 500 dollars to refuse a negro admission to those places. At present there is a tacit compromise: the bigger keeps away from company where he is not liked, and now and then he is paid "to keep him out." Any of the first-class theatres in New York would be ruined if they admitted negroes to the first seats. In the south, however, they were strong enough to set upon their rights; this leads to conflicts and bloodshed. The negro is entitled to vote; he is a free and independent elector; but, so far, has never been able to cast a full and untrammeled ballot, and there are certain offices which he is not allowed to fill through the physical opposition of hands and pistols. But, as our cousins say, "Something's got to be done about it." The question is: What has to be done? The Times last year had a correspondent in the south investigating the subject. I did not see what he wrote, but I met him in America, and a very capable journalistic commissioner he was. He regarded the matter as the one great problem of America, if not of the world; and I think he advocated a general exodus of the blacks to Africa. Anyhow, he found the south a country almost impossible to live in, and he got along in. He predicted trouble. But my New York friend, whose book is shortly to be published in England, is even far more pessimistic on the black and white question than the correspondent of the Times.

Anthracite.

What is the good of going to the Mansion House and recommending anthracite coal as an antidote to fog when we have no fireplaces to burn it in? The first thing to do is for the Government to enforce smoke-consuming grates in all new buildings and for agitators to try and get the richer class of people to make the necessary change now. There are grates that could be adapted to anthracite, and the users would save money by the change; but it is no good advising this and the other without putting people in the right condition for adopting new methods. Even if you could light an anthracite fire in the present grates, the coal would burn the bars out in a month. Wales has plenty of anthracite, and it is right, of course, for Welsh members of Parliament to try and exploit Welsh coal in London, but the main point is first to enforce the use of smoke-consuming grates that will burn any kind of coal.

The Professor and the Actor.

We have all heard of the actor who was terribly in earnest when he played Othello; he blacked himself all over. Without Othello he blacked himself all over. Without a moment's treatment disrepectfully an artist for whom I have a genuine admiration. I cannot help remarking that from the moment that Professor Herkimer acted in his own plays at Bushy he shaved off his hands, some beard and moustache. In a recent lecture on "Scenic Art," he said as matter-of-course things as he suggested (clever idea for practical stage-managers). The professor is a man of medium height, with a clean-cut intellectual face and a forehead that indicates executive power. He is dark, and has one of those searching noses that go to the roots of things, that are researchful, persistent. He has a fine voice, and he conveys to an audience something of his own enthusiasm. The night came. "We will lift melodrama into high-class comedy drama," said my partner; "your plot is splendid." I brought the plot, you see, and wrote the strongest scenes. The understanding was that my partner should supply the comedy and assist in the dramatic construction. He did supply the comedy, and in one scene the motif. Although I suggested that perhaps the comedy was too good for the serious interest, he was of opinion that the combination was perfect. Sometimes I thought it was. We had a delightful time over the work anyhow—the first part of the work. We went down by the sea to finish it. We roared over it—so did the sea. My partner was very complimentary about my serious interest; I confess one or two of his catchphrases amused me immensely. The night came. "Our friends said: "Yes; this is the right sort of collaboration: one to supply the strong dramatic plot, the other to give lightness and merriment." But, alas! it turned out that the comedy was not good for the serious interest, he was of opinion that the combination was perfect. Sometimes I thought it was. We had a delightful time over the work anyhow—the first part of the work. We went down by the sea to finish it. We roared over it—so did the sea. My partner was very complimentary about my serious interest; I confess one or two of his catchphrases amused me immensely. The night came. "Our friends

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A Whiff of Tobacco.

He had great good strong qualities, Mr. Spurgeon. He stood by his convictions. Nothing would induce him to think well of the stage or anybody belonging to it; but he loved his pipe with the same kind of sincerity. He and Carlyle agreed about smoking. The one praised tobacco in the pulpit, the other regarded the weed as the sacred gift of providence. When Carlyle was ordered to Canaries for his health, he said to Dr. Franklin: "I will do anything you tell me except one thing. I will not give up my pipe." When Spurgeon was urged by friends to discontinue the habit of smoking, because to persist in it would hurt his influence, he said he did not want any influence that arose from people thinking he was any different from what he really was. The great Baptist minister enjoyed his pipe as much as Lord Tennyson enjoys his. Spurgeon caressed his pipe, writes one of his friends, and watched the smoke with a dreamy contemplation.

A public-spirited stamp engraver to Mr. James Hollis, a solicitor, of Manchester, High Holborn, London, will receive this information, free of charge. 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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

Many a would-be playwright is constantly being requested to "keep the peace."

There were nine cases of suicide last week in the metropolis.

Five persons were last week killed by vehicles in the London streets.

Sixteen infants under 12 months old were suffocated in bed in London last week.

Princess Victoria of Battenberg is an intelligent student in both geology and natural history.

There were fifty-eight deaths in London last week attributable to accident or negligence.

The wife of Mr. Adam Webb, schoolmaster of Haverhill, Essex, has given birth to triplets. Mother and children are doing well.

"Why do I sit here in the gloaming?" asks a post. We give it up. Perhaps the rhymer stepped on a piece of orange peel.

Dr. Parker describes Mr. Spurgeon as "the greatest religious enthusiast of this country and this age."

No death from small-pox was registered last week in any of the thirty-three principal towns of England and Wales.

The Duchess of Albany has herself gone through a course of training in nursing and ambulance work.

An old woman, named Mary Rushford, was found lying dead at the roadside between Longriggend and Greengairs. She had died from exposure.

There is "a great waste of natural gas" reported from Ohio. We shall be suffering from the same thing when the General Election comes on.

Writing to *The Road*, a correspondent asks, "How shall I tell the age of a horse?" If he is anxious to sell the brute he had better not tell it at all.

Talking about deep mourning, the record up to now is held by the widowed lady pianist who, when she played the piano, would touch only the black keys.

And want to know whether the "metallic reserve," about which we hear so much, means the reserve most people show in parting with their tin.

It is stated that Mr. Alfred Waterhouse, R.A., the architect, has come into a fortune of something like £40,000 under his brother's will.

James Stamp, a constable of the M Division, was charged at Southwark Police Court with criminally assaulting a girl and was remanded on bail.

Twenty-nine acres of glass are to be used in the roofs of the Exhibition buildings at Chicago. The thickness of the glass is to be uniform, viz., three-sixteenths of an inch.

Major van Wissmann is considerably better, but his health is still precarious. On the 24th ult. he left Cairo for Upper Egypt, where he will spend some time in order to complete his recovery.

The German Emperor and the Berlin Corporation have each contributed £2,500 towards the cost of a statue of Martin Luther, which is to be set up in the German capital.

"After all, a £1 note would not be a very great change," says a weekly financial paper. Of course, it wouldn't. Granting even that it would be, we know men who would rather have large change than small change.

In the course of 1890 the transacs in England and Wales ran nearly £6,000,000 miles, and conveyed more than 563,000,000 passengers, the gross receipts from whom were about £3,000,000.

There are in the United Kingdom 963 miles of tramways open for the public conveyance of passengers, on which and on the cars and means of working there has been expended more than £16,000,000.

Of late years there have been no encroachments of the sea on the Land's End in Cornwall. But if only the watery element could rid us of the World's End at Chelsea what a boon it would be!

There was a great falling off in Englishland sales during last year, although the average price per acre was only £2 short of that of 1890. In Scotland and Wales there was a decided improvement in the number of properties sold, but the average prices were very low.

Tenders for Treasury bills to the amount of £2,000,000 will be received at the Bank of England on the 8th inst., at 1 o'clock. The bills will be dated the 13th of February, 1892, and will be payable at three, six, or twelve months after date, at the option of the persons tendering.

We understand that the Royal Commission on Labour have recommended to the Treasury the names of Miss Orme, Miss Collette, Mrs. Irving, of Glasgow, and Miss May Abraham, as the assistant lady commissioners to inquire into the condition of women's labour.

The Associated Chambers of Agriculture, at their monthly meeting, resolved to ask the House of Lords to inquire into the law relating to boundary fences. Several amendments in the Fertilisers and Feeding Staffs Bill were suggested. A resolution was also passed in favour of increased facilities being given for the transmission of agricultural produce by parcel post.

Mr. Chaplin received a joint deputation representing the Chambers of Agriculture and the Farmers' Club, who asked that swine fever might be dealt with in the same manner as pleuro-pneumonia had been. The Minister of Agriculture said the question was largely one of finance, but he would bring it before his colleagues for their favourable consideration.

Between the 1st April and January 30th the total receipts into the Exchequer amounted to £70,683,476, as compared with £72,370,122 in the corresponding period of the previous year; and expenditure to £74,792,997, as against £72,187,749. On Jan. 30th the Treasury balances stood at £2,284,612, and at £5,542,370 on the same date in the previous year.

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The magistrate at Southwark Police Court has decided the case taken up by the London Liberal and Radical Union, in which Mr. Westall, sub-tenant of premises at Railway Approach, London Bridge, charged the overseer of St. Olave's with preventing him from voting at the last School Board election by omitting his name from the occupiers' column of the rate-book. Mr. Fenwick was of opinion that the complainant had a right to be on the rate-book, but negligence had not been proved

against the defendants, therefore the sum-mothes would be dismissed.

James Hall, foreman at a Chicago packing-house, fell into a vat of boiling lard. He was rescued, but is not expected to live.

Girton having supplied a fashionable bonnet-maker, Newham, has followed up by adding a recruit to the ranks of dressmakers.

The curiously clumsy garment known as the whole-back coat has been stamped with the approval of the ultra-fashionable woman.

In 1891 the stock of cattle in Great Britain was 6,853,000, against 6,500,000 in 1890, and 6,100,000 in 1889.

While twenty years ago arable land was to grass as three is to two, they now divide the surface in almost equal ratio.

Princess May of Teck, though looking wan and worn, is in good health, and bearing her sorrows with courage and fortitude.

Turquoise, small pearls, and similar stones are now used for corset clasps. The hook is of gold, and the knob over which the hook catches is set with the jewels.

A marriage is arranged between Viscount Chelmsford, eldest son of Earl Cadogan, and the Hon. Mildred Sturt, third daughter of Lord Alington.

Mr. Campbell Bannerman, M.P., arrived in London on Wednesday from Belmont Castle, Scotland, for the opening of the session.

There were 60 deaths from measles in London last week, 9 from scarlet fever, 24 from diphtheria, 135 from whooping-cough, and 10 from diarrhoea and dysentery.

The General Cemetery Company, the owners of Kensal Green Cemetery, have decided to erect a columbarium for the reception of forty-two cinerary urns.

Mr. Spurgeon candidly wrote to Dr. Parker that he could not be on terms of intimacy with any man who had welcomed Mr. Boecker to his pulpit.

It is understood that the Hon. G. E. Dibbs, the New South Wales Premier, will shortly pay a visit to England in connection with some important financial business.

Jacob Leese was the first white settler in California. He has just died at the age of 82 years. He went to California in 1853, and built the first house in the district where now stands the city of San Francisco.

During the four weeks ending on Saturday last the death rate in London averaged 40 per 1,000, or 15 above the mean rate in the corresponding periods in the preceding ten years.

A boy named Tom Crichton, 8 years of age, was sliding at Paniculik, when a bigger boy came along and pushed him aside, at the same time striking him on the head. Two days later symptoms of cerebral injury appeared, and after suffering considerable pain the boy died at the end of the week.

Another American woman has been made a respondent in a divorce suit through going through all the pockets in her husband's suit the while that worthy sweetly slumbered. She will now have to go through another suit, and if precedent goes for anything, has a renewal of single blessedness before her.

According to a decision of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, the word "damn" is not profanity. This will be a severe blow to the American swearer, who is nothing if not thorough. Henceforth the flood of oratory will be unchecked by anything in the way of dama.

In two wife assault cases at Leitch, a mason who struck his wife three times was fined £30, and a joiner who gave his better half two severe blows was indicted in 2s. Gentlemen desiring to go in for the gentle art of wife-beating should notice that it figures out at about 10s. a punch.

The Portsmouth Town Council has revoked its previous decision to light the town with electricity on the low tension principle, and adopted a new high tension scheme, estimated to cost £28,000. An amendment at the meeting until the question of using tidal power for machinery was considered, and was lost by the mayor's casting vote.

The Kensington Vestry have decided that they say that a Chicago woman, young and beautiful, has been asking "What is kiss?" Oh! if we could only get to Chicago in about ten minutes on the District Railways! Up to now no specimen of the male thing in Chicago has been manly enough to call on the young woman and explain the mysteries of osculation.

Omnibus ticket inspectors are now fitted with lamps, and the conductors are complaining that they also ought to have lamps. So they ought. It would help them in punching tickets, and, occasionally, in punching troublesome customers. And then only think how useful a lamp would be in assisting a smoking passenger to alight.

It now appears that the Americans are producing paper cigars as an article of commerce, and, what is more, are being backed by connoisseurs of the fragrant weed. The cigars are prepared from sheets of paper which have been soaked in tobacco juice, and then pressed and cut into the requisite shape by means of specially-constructed machinery.

Farringdon Market, which has frontages on Shoe-lane, Farringdon-street, and Stone-street, is to be submitted to public auction at the Mart on the 19th inst. The property, which is freehold, and covers an area of nearly one acre and three-quarters, belongs to the corporation of the City of London, by whom it was acquired, about 1824, under an Act of Parliament.

The Countess of Aberdeen suggests that some portion of the money subscribed for a marriage present for the Princess May of Teck should be expended on a gift as a memorial of the late Duke of Clarence. This, she says, might take the form of a pendant composed of a beautifully-painted miniature of the duke in a setting of diamonds as exquisite as could be devised.

The marriage of Miss Jane Cobden, third daughter of the late Richard Cobden, with Mr. Fisher Unwin, the publisher, took place on Tuesday, at the village of Heyshot, the birthplace of her father, near Midhurst. Owing to the recent death of Miss Margaret Cobden, the wedding party was limited to the immediate friends of both families. The bride was given away by Mr. T. B. Potter, M.P.

A fire broke out on Wednesday in Apsley Mills, Bradford, tenanted by the firm of John Hill and Sons. The outbreak occurred in the silk mill department. It rapidly spread to the offices and weaving shed adjoining, the flames bursting through the roof when the firemen arrived. The brigade were able to save a large seed containing 300 looms, but the rest of the property was destroyed. The damage is estimated at £15,000.

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of Africa, and the members of his expedition are reported to be in good health.

The Jarva wood of Australia is hard and as durable as oak.

Tuesday last was Lord Salisbury's 62nd birthday.

The receipts of the first masked ball at the Paris Opera amounted to nearly £19,000fr.

The telegraphs were taken over by the Post Office just twenty-two years ago.

Sir John Lambert was buried on Tuesday, two days before his 72nd birthday.

A negro who died at Lafayette, La., a few days ago, was reputed to be 100 years old.

In Germany the extent of land devoted to agriculture amounts to 78,605,000 acres.

"In their last throes," thus Sir Charles Russell now describes the condition of the Government.

Mr. H. H. Fowler says that "compulsion is the only principle which will make any."

Small flat-crowned ladies' hats seem to be the chosen shape for the early spring. They have been started by the introduction of the Henry II. shape in black beaver.

In 1890 the Monte Carlo gaming tables brought in a clear profit of £260,000, and last year the amount realised by the proprietors—a limited company—was £245,000.

When Mr. Spurgeon was at Mentone he was, if well enough, took his meals at the table d'hôte, which he quite relished by his conversation.

The youngest widow remarried in 1890 was 17 years old, and the oldest 80; the youngest widow who re-entered the marriage state was 19 the oldest was above 85.

A fine of £25 and seven guineas costs was inflicted at Knutsford upon John Moore, an assistant overseer, for having neglected to assist the Altringham Union money which he had received.

The salary of the City chamberlain is in future to be £22,000 a year, and the gentleman elected is to give security to the large amount of £250,000, half being personal and half by sureties, for the due and faithful performance of the duties of his office.

William Atkinson was gearing a crane at Jarrow Gasworks when his clothing caught in the machinery, and he was whirled round the shafting. Both his legs and one arm were torn off, and death was apparently instantaneous.

The American ratifications of the General Act of the Brussels Conference on the Slavery Question were exchanged on Tuesday at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Brussels. They are in conformity with the resolutions adopted by the United States Senate.

It is believed in Vienna that, in consequence of the strong disinclination of the emperor to sign a death warrant, the sentence of death passed upon Franz Schneider and his wife on January 29th, for the murder of several servant girls, will be commuted to penal servitude for life.

Frederick Martin, the chief electrician of the Toronto Electric Light Company, while passing between two large dynamos on Monday night, accidentally touched them and became unconscious, and is not expected to survive.

On Wednesday the Rev. Richard Schofield, who was received into the Catholic Church by Cardinal Newman in 1850, at the age of 82, completed his 100th year. Father Schofield resides at the Redemptorist Monastery, Tournay, and is stated to be in the enjoyment of good bodily health and the exercise of his mental faculties.

The Rev. Hugh Hanna, a leading Presbyterian clergyman, died suddenly in Belfast on Wednesday. The deceased was ex-Moderator of the Irish Presbyterian General Assembly, and on Tuesday last, at a meeting of the Belfast Presbytery, moved a vote of condolence to the family.

At an inquest held at Southwark, on the body of an elderly man named Thomas Seaman, it was stated that the deceased shot his brains out while kneeling before his wife's coffin. The jury found that Seaman committed suicide whilst of unsound mind.

A boy named Waterbury, the son of a rich man of Founbridge, U.S., has been kidnapped, and £6,000ols. are demanded as ransom.

The affair has created great excitement, and a search by neighbours for the kidnapper has proved ineffectual.

It is in accordance with a clause of the will of the late Duke Don Giovanni di Bracciano, that the Prince Torlonia have handed their fine collection of pictures and objets d'art to the Italian Government for the purpose of starting a national museum.

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The Salvation Army is being boycotted in Finland. No mention of it in any kind may appear in public print. So strictly is this being carried out that any mention of the army, any advertisement bearing on the movement, is sufficient to cause an entire issue of a newspaper to be cancelled.

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On March 2nd next, the eighty-second birthday of the Pope, a Te Deum will be sung in the Pauline Chapel, and public prayers will be read for the health of the Pope in the churches.

The General Medical Council have decided to appoint an inspector of examinations to visit all the licensing corporations of the United Kingdom for the purpose of reporting on the final or qualifying examination in medicine, surgery, and midwifery. The appointment will be made for three years.

It is stated that by the death of Mrs. Stewart, of Brooklyn, who leaves £1,000,000 to Presbyterians mostly connected with the Presbyterians, the Rev. Dr. John Hall, whose ministry she attended, will benefit by her will to the extent of £6,000. Mrs. Hall is to receive £2,000, and Miss Hall £1,000.

A demonstration of unemployed took place in Lisbon, and some of the shopkeepers, fearing excesses on the part of the mob, closed their doors. The ringleaders were arrested and taken before the prefect, who made arrangements for providing them with employment

TURF, FIELD, AND RIVER.

By LARRY LYNN.

Some of the artists about remember that the opinions and arguments expressed therein are given upon the relative merits of the horses entered. All special and unusual circumstances, however, should be made subject to horses' discretion, and any sudden alteration in the market against a horse after it has been bet on, should be made subject to the horse which affects the opinion held by "Larry Lynn" prior to going to print.

The *Racing Calendar* was published a day earlier during the past week, in order that the sporting public should be made acquainted as quickly as possible with the names of the horses who have accepted for the handicaps of springtime. Now that these have come to hand, we may expect a thorough fusillade of wagering. The early birds certainly scorched their wings, as previously the editor went forth that Huntingdon would run for no other spring engagement than the *City* and *Suburban*, and thus the hopes of those who vainly imagined that the son of *Hagiscope* would endeavour to break the penalized *Prince Edward* and *Leap Year*, a division being mutually agreed upon. Had not *Prince Edward's* rider lost a stirrup iron he would have won. The only favourite who got home on Tuesday was *Lovechase*, who did credit to Mr. L. de Rothschild's stud groom who trained him at *Ascot* by winning the *Maiden Hurdle Race*.

There was little enough in Wednesday's sport. The *Oadby Steeplechase* was declared void; and the *Syston Steeplechase* did not fill, and the *Empston Hurdle Race* was a walk over for *Annoyance*. The other events raced for fell to *Cranberry*, an odds on chance; *Oregon*, whose way to victory in the *February Hurdle Race*, was paved by the fall of the favourite, *Banbury*; and *Father O'Flynn*.

Sport at *Windsor* was not witnessed under cheery circumstances on Thursday. A couple of "National" candidates, in The *Midshipsman* and *Cloister*, won their races in easy fashion; and in the *Crown Hurdle Race* the two favourites, *Warrington* and *Evergreen*, made no show in the fast pace set by *Ding Dong*, who, at the finish, was just beaten by *Necrosis*. *North Kilworth* cantered away with the *Dorney Steeplechase*, and Mr. *Ephraim* will try and bring off a big handicap by the aid of the *Cambridgeshire* victim of 1890. The course should suit her, and this might be her race, as weight will hardly stop this great raking *Hormit* mare, who, if she had been ridden right out, might have been much nearer than most people imagined to *Madame D'Albany* for the *Liverpool Autumn Cup* last November. Curiously enough, *Châtel*, another French candidate, has cried "content" with 9st. 2lb. *Saints* could be regarded as a true type of a Derby winner, 9st. 4lb. should allow him to make a big bid for victory, but to tell the truth, I never believed in this son of *Springfield* as the stuff of which your classic heroes are made, although *Gerry* is said to have created a vast improvement in him. *Prince Hampton*, 9st. 4lb., is a nice horse, and if he can be trained for this event, that will have to take care of themselves; but in the same stable and ownership is also that smart youngster, *Clarence*. *Cuttlesone*, standing high ground; so, too, do *Cereza* and *Miss Dollar*. *Rusticus*, *Corstorphine*, *Detective*, *Coronel*, *Da Beers*, and *Old Boots* are so nearly handicapped together that it is difficult to separate them. The best of the contented three-year-olds is undoubtedly *Clarence*. *Aries* has disappeared, but *Euclid*, *Egmaral*, and *Cardrona* remain, while many will lament the disappearance of *Queen Laura*. It is over early to venture yet on an opinion that can be construed into a prophecy, but first reflections suggest that *Cuttlesone*, *Cereza*, *Miss Dollar*, *Corstorphine*, and *Detective* look the most likely among the top weights and that lower down the list *Sheldrake*, *Clarence*, *Euclid*, *Egmaral*, and *Cardrona*, appear as tempting as anything. They cannot all win, and were I asked to stand two, they would be *Cuttlesone* and *Sheldrake*.

For the *Grand National*, eighteen out of sixty-six horses paid forfeit, and this small number of malcontents is a pleasing tribute to the handicappers. Among the most notable defectors are *Why Not*, *Citadel*, *M.P.*, *Field Marshal*, *Revolt*, *Joan of Arc*, *Peerage*, *Ordeal*, *Koder*, and *Pan Wh*. Not having decimalized such responsibility as 12st. 7lb., *Flex* is to take it on, and the others have had to go up in weight. *Cloister* stays and should run well again, but I cannot fancy *Romuald* with 12st. up on his back, for he will not get the course. *Innisfail* has never yet fulfilled anticipations, and if I were to pick one of the heavy weights I should take *Cruiser*, *Varan Bernhardt*, who, through an incorrect entry, was not given a public "National" trial in the *Wigton Steeplechase* at *Leicester*, and *Lady Villikins* remains in; and so, too, does old *Tenby*. Of recent performers none have shown more promise than *Beauly* and *Meldrum*, but can the two last-named get the country? There comes the rub. Going further down among the contented ones, the eye lights on that smart young Irish chaser, *Ardena*, and *Mr. Gibbs'* six-year-old *The King*; whilst still lower down the list the names of possible winning outsiders strike in. *Rolleby*, trained by *Vincent* at *Epsom*, and *Father O'Flynn*. Of the heavier weights I fancy *Cruiser*, *Sarah Bernhardt*, *Lady Sarah*, and *Beauly*, and of the others *Ardena* and *Rolleby*.

Blackheath last Saturday had an ample revenge for their defeat at *Cambridge* early in the season. They had very nearly their full strength. True it is young *Aston* and *D'Arcy Thomson* were away; but the former was ably replaced by *W. B. Thomson*, *Johnson*, turning out again as back. *Cambridge*, on the other hand, were very poorly represented. Only *Neilson* and *Rotherham*, of the backs in the team which defeated *Oxford*, were able to play, and a Blackheath "A" player, *H. J. W. Lovelace*, took the place of *Montgomery*, who was a week before a grand form. The other wing was occupied by *J. Gowans*, a serviceable but not very brilliant three-quarter. *Rotherham* was the most active man on his side, but *Graham*, the other half, was not a conspicuous success. *Blackheath* gained three tries in each half, and *Johnson* kicked beautifully, converting four of them. The Blackheath forwards, *Everhead* in particular, were in great form.

Of course it was only expected that the London Scottish should easily defeat the Old *Leysians*, who have nobody to replace such grand players as *G. W. M. Arthur*, *A. L. Brooke*, and *A. B. Whitehead*. In the days when that trio occupied the three-quarters line, such a score as four goals and three tries would have been next to impossible against the old Cambridge boys.

Richmond and the *Harlequins* had a good game at *Richmond*, although the home team was very weakly represented, and the *Harlequins* won by two goals to nothing. On the adjoining ground the *Middlesex Wanderers*, although one short, succeeded in defeating the *London Welsh* by a goal and two tries to nil. *Cooper's Hill* defeated the Old *Cheltonians* by two tries to one, and in *Wales* *Cardiff* were unable to blemish *Newport's* unbeaten record, retiring defeated by two goals and two tries to nil. *Newport* is now the only unbeaten Rugby club of any class in the kingdom.

The Association Cup ties brought about more than one unexpected result. Fortunately for *Sunderland* and those of us who have pinned our faith to that club, the game between them and *Cricketon* was not accredited a tie, the ground being in a totally unfit condition; otherwise *Sunderland* would have been "out of it" for another season. *Blackburn Rovers*, the holders, however, received their quietus, and from a most unexpected quarter. The show made by *West Bromwich Albion* against the Old *Westminsters* at the *Oval*, in the previous round, was not such as to lead those who witnessed it to expect the winners to knock out such fine cup tie fighters as "the Rovers," but such was the fortune of war. *Preston North End* had all their work to do to beat *Middlesbrough*, and *Aston Villa* had not much to square against *Darwin*; whilst *Sheffield Wednesday* beat *St. Helens* by a precisely similar score, two goals to nil, and *Notts Forest* had a narrow victory over *Sunderland Albion*, one to nil. *Burnley*, upset by *Stoke* by three goals to one, was another surprise. After these performances one begins to think the southern teams, namely, the *Casuals* (beaten three goals to nil by *Stoke*), *Old Westminsters* (beaten two goals to one by *West Bromwich Albion*), and *Crusaders* (beaten four goals to one by *Accrington*) did not show such very poor form after all.

The *Casuals* and *Millwall Athletics* have been several times thrown together in cup ties this season, and upon every occasion the "Athletics" have had the best of matters. They had a narrow shave for it, however, in the London Senior Cup tie at the *Oval* on Saturday, only winning by a goal to nil. The Old *Carthians* and the *London Caledonians* met in the Charity Cup competition at *Leiston*, but could not arrive at a decision, each scoring two goals, so that they will have to meet again, and the cause of charity will profit accordingly. It is only fair to the "old boys" to say that for the first twenty minutes they played one man short, and *Gilliat* at half-time went lame and had to play half-back instead of centre forward in the remainder of a fast and exciting game.

It is a thousand pities that southern Rugby county teams cannot muster their full strength when they have to meet the crack teams of the north, for an entirely erroneous idea is created by the results of the matches. Of course, nobody can foresee such difficulties as those encountered by the Kent executive, who found a number of the men selected to face *Yorkshire* last Monday unable to make the journey through illness. The team which did go did not, however, strike me as being a conspicuously weak one, and, in my opinion, it should never have received such a severe defeat as three goals and six tries to a goal.

The Hospital Cup ties are now in progress. *St. Thomas's* have defeated *London*, and *Charing Cross* have gone under to *Guy's*. The real tug of war will be when *St. Thomas's* meet either *Guy's* or *Middlesex*. It would not be very surprising should the last-named carry off the trophy this time.

THE RAID ON A STRAND CLUB. Samuel Costerton, of 240, South Lambeth-road, was charged on Thursday at Bow-street with unlawfully keeping rooms at "The Courts Club," 276, Strand, for the purpose of betting. *Henry Slowburn*, 32, Trafalgar-road, Clapham, assistant club manager; *Charles Linz*, 108, Manor-road, Peckham; *Malcolm McGregor*, 10, Commercial-road, Peckham, door-keeper; and *William Collins*, barman, were charged with assisting in conducting the betting house. The following individuals were charged with being found on the premises:—*Robert Thomas* Bristow, no occupation; *John Wilson*, commission agent; *William Muscat*, clerk; *John Diamond*, no occupation; *Samuel J. Bilton*, solicitor's clerk; and *William Collins*, barman, were charged with assisting in conducting the betting house. The moment that a fund got into court it seemed to be treated like a cow—a thing to be milked. He must dismiss the summons of Mrs. Large, because she had not adopted a proper mode of proceeding, but nobody would be surprised, after what he had said, that he

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Mrs. Large asked his lordship for advice as to the taking of the clothes of herself and her children. She was told that they could not do it.—Mr. Justice Grantham noticed the case of *Hooper v. Large*. He said that the matter had been appointed to be heard in his room at 10 o'clock; but as the parties were now in attendance he would hear the application in court. His lordship looked at some papers, and said that it seemed that there was a judgment for *241*, then there was an administration action in Chancery, and there were costs which amounted to £700. It was

A PERFECT SCANDAL. that there should be £700 for costs arising out of the question whether Mrs. Large was liable to pay the rent of a house which she said was not fit to live in, and that her husband had inhaled sewage gas there and died. She did not appear, and the judgment was given against her for *241*, and then costs to the amount of £700 were incurred. It was scandalous, and it would be put down to the fault of the law, but they could not help it. He really thought that this was one of the most scandalous things he had ever heard of, but he could do nothing in the case for the lady had not taken the proper course.

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He stated that he could be entirely inaccurate, but he would give her a letter to the official solicitor.—A gentleman who repre-

sented the plaintiff said that Mrs. Large had already been once to the official solicitor.

Mrs. Large denied that this was so.—Mr. Justice Grantham said that if the solicitor would probably discuss the matter at once. It was admitted on behalf of the plaintiff that £700 of costs had been incurred over this judgment for *241*. The plaintiff said that this was really the lady's own fault.—Mr. Justice Grantham: Oh, very likely. He presumed that but for this judgment for *241* it would not have been necessary to have had an administration action in Chancery, so that it might be considered that all these costs had been incurred in consequence of that judgment. His lordship directed his clerk to go with the parties to the official solicitor, and give him the letter which he had written. He added that these things were also found.—Sir John Bridge: There were

No Books or Members

or rules of the club?—Witness: There were some rules on a board which was hung up in the room.—Did you see any receipt book for members' subscriptions?—No, but I believe a receipt book was found for the "Skittle Club," also a quantity of proposal forms for that club.—Mr. Wilson: *Slowburn* said that he would prefer to postpone his cross-examination as he had not been fully instructed. —Replies to Sir John Bridge, Mr. Steggles said that, with the exception of the principals, all the defendants were sitting at a table with a pack of cards in front of them. All were told that they must consider themselves in custody. *Slowburn* was asked what he called himself in connection with the club. He replied, "I assist to manage it, sometimes behind the bar, sometimes playing a game of billiards." All the defendants were in the room. Some were sitting at a table with a pack of cards in front of them. 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